IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Karen M. SLIMAK Prior Group Art Unit: 1651

Serial No.: New U.S. Divisional Application of

U.S. Application No. 09/889,133 Prior Examiner: R. Winston

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For: USE OF TROPICAL ROOT CROPS IN EFFECTIVE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES

FOR TREATING DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX CASES AND CHRONIC DISEASES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: